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CAMERA SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.114

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination that is filed concurrently herewith. Prior to the consideration of the application on the merits, please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.